

Philadelphia GE Pattern



One or more control holes are found in all General Electric "GE" perfin patterns with the exception of copies from Schnectady, NY. The copy illustrated to the left has a well placed box roller cancel showing "PHILADELPHIA, PA" on its face. *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1979 does not carry a General Electric listing for Philadelphia.

Knowing that many companies closed and combined offices during the depression, I checked the other GE offices and found that with the exception of the control hole an exact match occurs with the Pittsburgh pattern.

On the other hand, this does not mean that the GE device from Pittsburgh was moved to a Philadelphia GE office where the control pin was removed. In fact, this may be a singular anomaly.

I suggest that members check their copies of GE patterns to see if additional Philadelphia, PA cancels can be located. Please report your findings to John Randall, the US Catalog Editor or to John Lyding, the *Bulletin* Editor.